

The government should not be in the position of providing security for private concerns. The effort to have the FCC provide requirement for the protection of digital TV signals falls in this area. While the producers of TV and other visual content have a right to copyright protections, it is not in the realm of government to assist in this effort.

Furthermore the efforts to protect these products frequently go well beyond to copyright protections to an effort to make it impossible or illegal to engage in "fair use" of the products. Such copy protections schemes must allow for the consumer to exercise his right of fair use without incurring excess costs and effort. It should not be a major or expensive undertaking to make a backup copy of a DVD I have purchased.

If the FCC is to issue rules in this area the rules should include protections for the fair use of the products and should not be a government mandate that will increase the cost of DVD players and the like.

I own only one music CD and do not own a CD player. I do not want to pay extra for my blank CDs, or for the CD read write drive for my personal computer to protect the rights of the music industry. In the same vein I do not want to be spending extra monies for these products. In much the same way as the recording industry would not want to pay for the locks on my doors I do not want to pay for the locks on their doors.